

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

BOTH BRANCHES DISCUSS THE APPROPRIATIONS.

The Senate Takes Up the Consular and Diplomatic Bill and the House Passes Over District Day to Consider the Sundry Civil Bill.

The Senate to-day voted to reconsider the vote by which the Pension Appropriation bill was passed, and it will be under consideration again at an early date.

A communication was laid before the Senate from citizens of New Mexico protesting against the admission of that Territory as a State upon the ground that the Territory was not ready for Statehood.

Mr. Reagan introduced a bill prohibiting trusts and combinations of persons to prevent competition in trade.

The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was then taken up.

Considerable debate arose over the clause in the bill limiting to \$25,000 salaries and wages in the Columbia Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

Mr. Rodgers held that this proviso would prevent the use of other funds held by the institution for the payment of salaries.

Mr. Hemphill made an earnest appeal for the institution, setting forth the good work done by it, and protesting against a limitation of wages and salaries.

Mr. Randall said that the number of inmates to the institution must be limited if there is no limit on the amount of salaries paid.

It is said that it is just that much taken from the fund for the support of the institution.

HOUSE.

In the House to-day Mr. Long secured the passage of a bill increasing the pension of soldiers and sailors who have lost the use of both hands to \$100 per month.

A bill was also passed authorizing the Mt. Carmel Development Company to construct a hydraulic canal to carry water from the Wabash River to the town of Carmel, Ill.

The bill "District Day," Mr. Hemphill endeavored to call up District bills, but Mr. Randall interposed with a motion to consider the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill.

Mr. Hemphill's motion was voted down.

Mr. Hemphill then tried to secure consent to set apart some evening this week for the consideration of District business.

Mr. Blount of Georgia announced in most emphatic terms that he would object to any evening being set for District business.

Mr. Hemphill tried in vain to secure a date, naming several evenings.

Mr. Blount, however, declined to allow the District any opportunity at all, unless Mr. Hemphill promised not to call up the Rock Creek Park bill or the bill for the relief of the building associations and trust companies.

The Sundry Civil bill was then taken up.

The pending motion was to increase the appropriation for surveying arid lands in the West from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Mr. Kilgore demanded that a quorum vote.

The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 118 to 50.

THE ANACOSTIA BRIDGE.

Mr. Hemphill introduced a bill in the House to-day appropriating \$85,000 to raise, widen and strengthen Anacostia bridge.

The bill is to be introduced in the direction of the Commissioners of the District.

The bridge is to be raised not less than five nor more than ten feet, and the length is to be made not less than 1,000 feet, and the width of the existing spans. Mr. Hemphill also introduced the Senate bill to extend the streets and avenues of the city.

THE HOUSE WANTS THE SAMOAN LETTERS.

Mr. Ford of Michigan introduced in the House to-day a resolution requesting the Secretary of State to transmit to the House copies of all joint protocols and memoranda of the proceedings of the conference between the representatives of Germany, Great Britain and the United States in regard to Samoa referred to by Vice Consul Blacklock and in the President's message to Congress touching Samoan affairs.

Counting the Electoral Vote.

The House to-day agreed to the concurrent resolution setting Wednesday, February 13, for the counting of the electoral vote, both House of Congress to assemble in the Hall of Representatives at 1 o'clock p. m. for that purpose.

CAPITOL NOTES.

The fact that the Mills bill with the Senate substitute has been sent to the Ways and Means Committee, has revived in Republican circles at least the talk of an extra session. The Republicans accept the reference as an assurance that no tariff legislation will be had this Congress.

Senator Cameron introduced a bill in the Senate this morning to increase the pension of John A. Doyle.

MADE QUITE A HAUNT.

A second-story thief got into the unoccupied house next door to Mrs. Helen P. Douglas, at 1749 F street, on Saturday night, and then stepped across to a window of Mrs. Douglas's house. He went through the house very thoroughly, getting a watch, some bracelets, brooches and other jewelry, a pocket-book and some shares in an insurance company. The burglary was not discovered until the next day.

DEPARTURE OF THE CHINESE MINISTER.

The Chinese Minister, accompanied by five members of his suite, left Washington this morning, via the Atlantic Coast Line fast mail train, for Havana. He will return about March 1.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

In the case of W. H. Robertson, collector of the port of New York, against C. L. Perkins the United States Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Circuit Court, and remanded the case with directions for a new trial.

PROVIDING FOR NEXT SUMMER.

Mr. William H. Yerkes, the superintendent of the Independent Ice Company, left this evening, with a force of men, horses, &c., for the Kennebec River, Maine, to superintend the harvesting of ice, if there be any fit to gather.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The residents of B street, between Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets north-east, have petitioned for a sidewalk.

The Commissioners have granted a pension of \$25 to the widow of the late Lieutenant of Police Redway, during her widowhood, and \$10 per month to his daughter until she arrives at the age of 16 years.

School Trustee Ross A. Fish has requested the Commissioners to direct Building Inspector Entwistle to remove at once the dilapidated frame structure adjoining the Bradley School Building on the north, assessed to William G. Pearson. He says this old house is liable to fall down at any moment.

The Commissioners have notified Hon. M. McDonald, the Fish Commissioner, in reply to the request that the Armory building be connected with the sewer on Sixth street, below B street, that they will construct a sewer on B street out of the next appropriation, but they cannot make the connection requested.

A protest has been made before the Commissioners against the opening of an anatomical show on the Avenue, near the National Hotel. A license has been issued for the show and the Commissioners have notified the objectors that their remedy is in the police Court, provided any law is violated.

E. B. Hartley has called the attention of the Commissioners to the condition of the tracks of the Metropolitan Railroad on P street, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets, and has requested the recent repairs to these tracks they have been a veritable sea of mud and almost impassable.

A barroom license was to-day granted to Morgan J. Sherman at the Randall, the new hotel corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Fifteenth street.

A wholesale liquor license has been granted to Shirley & Schofield, 1000 O street.

Major Raymond has approved the recommendation of Captain Symons, that a sidewalk be laid on Fifteenth street north-east, between Gales & Rosedale streets.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

The following official changes have been made in the Department of the Interior:

Office of the Secretary—Appointment: George H. Jodick of Ohio, assistant engineer, \$1,000, under civil service rules.

Office of Indian Affairs—Promotion: Lewis Y. Ellis of New York, clerk, \$1,400 to \$1,600.

General Land Office—Appointment: G. Y. Freeman of Wisconsin, principal examiner of land claims and contests, \$2,000; Henry M. Vest of Illinois, clerk, \$1,400, by transfer from Treasury Department; David H. Alexander of Indiana, \$800; Samuel Vinson of Washington Territory, timber agent, \$1,300.

Resignation: John M. Bennett of Oregon, timber agent, \$1,300; Charles A. Barker of the District of Columbia, clerk, \$1,000; Wilmer G. Platt of Indiana, clerk, \$1,000.

Patent Office—Appointment: Miss Alice M. Hayden of Tennessee, skilled laborer, \$720, under civil service rules. Promotions: Mrs. Day Robertson of Indiana and Miss Elizabeth F. Castle of New York, clerks, \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Resignation: Miss Kate H. Worthington of Maryland, skilled laborer, \$720.

Appointments: Miss Louise M. Korhammer of Missouri, copyist, \$800; Mrs. Margaret C. Pleasants of Maryland and Miss E. Mott of Michigan, clerks, \$1,000, by transfer from Treasury Department. Promotions: Mrs. May M. Steele of Indiana, Dawson A. Blacklock of Louisiana, and E. Mott of Michigan, clerks, \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Resignation: George C. Rogers of Kansas, clerk, \$1,000.

The Commission of Pensions has been advised that Thomas Allen of Harrison, W. Va., has been indicted in the U. S. District Court at Parkersburg, W. Va., for defrauding J. B. Allen, pensioner, out of \$500, under cover of several letters in procuring claimant J. W. McCoy of Wheeling, W. Va., has also been indicted for opening and retaining mail containing pension check of Johanna Specht. Dr. John W. Joslyn of Centralia, Wis., was sentenced to the penitentiary, U. S. District Court at Madison, Wis., to eighteen months imprisonment for violation of section 5435, R. S. U. S. in pension claim of Maria Ostrander.

H. Johnson was to-day appointed postmaster at Wingina, Nelson County, Va., vice Alfred N. White, resigned.

Mr. J. B. Johnson of Wisconsin and J. W. Cheney of Pennsylvania, clerks in the Money Order System and Dead Letter Office, respectively, having served satisfactory probationary terms of six months, have been reappointed.

PAYMASTER DOYLE'S CASE.

The President directs an examination by another board.

At the instance of the Secretary of the Navy the President has disapproved the finding of the retiring board in the case of Paymaster J. D. Doyle of the Navy, and has directed the assembling of a new board, having served satisfactory probationary terms of six months, have been reappointed.

The finding of the board was that Mr. Doyle was morally and professionally incapacitated for promotion, but it is held that his conduct, thus described, was due to mental worry at the time of his examination, induced by trouble in settling his accounts, caused by the absconding of his clerk, John G. Meyers, leaving a shortage in the accounts.

The trouble occurred in 1885, when Mr. Doyle was acting as paymaster on the ship Iroquois, attached to the Pacific Squadron. He subsequently made good all shortages caused by his absconding clerk.

Paving Between the Tracks.

The Commissioners have notified the president of the Washington & Georgetown Railroad that they have applied for a certificate of indebtedness against that company in the sum of \$737.25 for paving adjacent to their tracks on Pennsylvania Avenue, between Ninth and Twenty-third streets. The company has been requested to state on what grounds they refused to pay.

No Spigots There to Run.

The papers have said that the water inspectors found water running to waste from spigots in the Headquarters, said Chief Engineer of the District of Columbia, this morning. "This is not so. There is not a single spigot in the whole place, and the reports are incorrect."

The Flag From Samoa.

The American flag that the Germans tore down and burned arrived at the State Department from Samoa Saturday. It is charged that the flag is a piece of the old flag left. It will be sent to Congress first and then placed in the War Museum.

—Able Seaman and Martin Sabornier run away from their homes in Woodbridge, Va., last Thursday and went to Baltimore. Not finding that city the place they had expected, they started home again; but when they got to this city the policemen who were on the lookout took them to the First Precinct Station.

CLEMENCY GIVEN FISH.

THE PRESIDENT SHORTENS HIS TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.

Reasons Why Mercy Was Extended to the Convict—Many Petitions Numerously Signed Requesting It.

President Cleveland has commuted the sentence of James D. Fish, formerly president of the Marine National Bank of New York, who was sentenced in June, 1885, to ten years imprisonment in State prison, at Auburn, for misappropriating the funds of the bank. The President's indorsement in the case reads as follows:

"This convict is 60 years of age. Prior to his conviction he was trusted and respected by all who knew him, and all his dealings and intercourse with his fellow men, both in business and social life, had been such as to secure their confidence and esteem.

"In the view I take of the application for his pardon there is no occasion to refer to the nature of his offense nor to comment upon the evidence upon which his conviction rests further than to suggest that this is a case in which the actual and wilful intent to defraud depends upon influences somewhat uncertain.

"I have rarely, if ever, seen a petition for Executive clemency signed so numerously as the one presented in this case by citizens of great respectability and business standing. The prisoner, since his conviction, has added the administration of the criminal law by giving valuable testimony upon the trial of another offender.

"He has endured his imprisonment thus far with all the fortitude and resignation possible, and has been scrupulously obedient to all prison rules and regulations. Medical proof produced before me fully establishes the fact that with advanced age and serious disabilities, and by reason of his confinement he is physically and mentally fast failing, and I am satisfied that he will not survive his imprisonment if much longer extended.

"Every object sought to be obtained by the punishment of crime will be accomplished, in my opinion, by a commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for a term of five years and six months, with allowance of all reduction for good conduct. Such commutation is, therefore, granted."

THE CELESTIAL PLEASURE CLUB.

It has an Unpleasant Recourse With Affairs Terrestrial.

The books of the Recorder of Deeds' office show that last October the Washington Celestial Pleasure Club was incorporated.

It was a good name for the club, for it was decidedly celestial as to membership. The members were all, or about all, Chinamen.

The club-house was a little tumble-down, dirty brick building on Four-and-a-half street, below the Avenue. The offices of the club, as they appear on the books at the Deeds' office, are John F. McGillicuddy, president, and John W. Campbell, secretary.

The Celestial Club occupied four rooms above the basement and two of the rooms upstairs were devoted to gambling. In a front room was also an "outfit" for opium smoking.

Police Lieutenant Kelly and Sergeant Falvey and nine policemen raided the club last night and collared twenty of the Celestial gamblers.

The proprietor of the place, Moy Chung Koo, was not in the place at the time of the raid, but the house was left in charge of a couple of policemen, and an hour or so afterward Moy came up the steps in total ignorance of what had happened, and Police Constable Castello, who had taken him to the station-house.

When the raid was made the game was in full blast, and there was over a hundred dollars of American money, besides a few brass or brass-colored coins, scattered all over the place. The money was punctured with square holes, on the table.

The raid created a great deal of excitement, and as the patrol wagon wouldn't hold all the Celestials, the rest were marched through the streets to the station-house.

Most of the Chinamen left collateral, and this morning in the Police Court the case was postponed till Friday for trial.

BURIAL PERMITS ISSUED.

Burial permits have been issued during the past forty-eight hours by the Health Officer: C. N. Nettles, 2 months; Joseph S. Rider, 48 days; Elizabeth C. Foster, 21 days; Mary Louman, 1 year; Martha Easton, 72 years; John Field, 30 years; John W. Johnson, 8 years; Noah Wallace, 30 years; Nathan Walker, 30 years; Smith Middleton, 28 years; Amelia Hutton, 33 years; Frank Slaughter, 35 years; Julia Howard, 8 days.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Horace B. Kirkwood to James W. Richardson, \$10, all of square 149 and sublot "S," square 132.

Oscarus Knight to trustees of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, \$5,500, sublot 15, square 48.

George W. Campbell to William G. Pond, \$8,750, sublot 6, square 170.

Charles Gesford to John S. Swormstedt, \$10, part sublot 31, square 150.

John T. Venson to Julia P. Venson, \$5, all lots devoted to Frances Venson by Martha H. McKnight and Robert Prout.

TWO WILLS FILED.

The will of M. Olivia Friebus, died to-day, leaves her property to her husband, Gustava Friebus.

The will of Phillipine Heck, after giving \$200 to her brother, Emil Heck, leaves her property as follows: Two-thirds to her sister, Catherine Bauer, and one-third to Emma and Adam Reuter, all residents of Baltimore.

ESCAPEE FROM THE WORKHOUSE.

Three of the prisoners at the workhouse succeeded in escaping last night. They broke a window on the second floor and, tying blankets together into a rope, they slid down into the grounds and have so far succeeded in eluding all efforts to capture them. Their names are William Dunn, Joseph Campbell and Thomas Hendricks.

A NOVEL BY ANNEALINE GUTHEAUX'S.

A Marie Frances Norton, sister of Charles J. Gutheaux, has recently published a novel, mainly devoted to a defense of her brother, who she says was crazy and was influenced by others to shoot President Garfield. She calls her book "The Stalwarts, or Who Were to Blame?"—New York Sun.

AN EXCELLENT DRESSMAKER.

Miss Travis—Don't you think my new dress is too sweet for anything?

Miss DeSmith—Oh, lovely—exquisite! I do believe your dressmaker could make a beautiful coat graceful!—Burlington Free Press.

A 2 ODDS TO AN OPULENT STAR.

If Lotia Crabtree would get a real good play she would win the undying affection of the American public.—Macon telegraph.

VIEWS OF TWO SENATORS.

What Messrs. Allison and Culom Think of the Tariff Bill and an Extra Session.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—Senator Allison was asked what he thought of the chances of the Tariff bill.

"That is practically dead now," he replied. "The House has referred it to the Ways and Means Committee, which will bury it. A tariff bill is not likely to pass this session."

"Do you favor an extra session?" "Yes, I think a failure of tariff legislation and many other things make an extra session necessary."

Senator Culom took the same view of the situation and added that there was little doubt in Washington that an extra session would be called.

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SHOT AT A CRAP GAME.

WILLIAM WARREN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

How William Brown Came to His Death The Story of the Tragedy—The Case Begun in the Criminal Court To-day.

Again the flavor of gore scents the atmosphere of the Criminal Court-room. The sickening details of a brutal homicide are once more being told before the interested eyes of the morbid crowd of horror-seekers who haunt the courtroom on such occasions.

William Warren, a short, heavy-set negro, is now on trial for his life, charged with the murder of William Brown on October 31. His troubles are due to that fruitless effort of the lower classes of Washington society—the simple and seductive game of crap.

The shooting occurred in Chew's alley, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth and I and K streets northwest. Brown died at the Freedmen's Hospital on October 31. Dr. Shadd stating on the stand that his death was the direct result of the injury by the ball, which set up pneumonia and peritonitis.

Messrs. Lipscomb and Mulvaney appeared for the Government and Messrs. Yates and McCloskey for the prisoner.

The following jurors were sworn to try the case, much less than the usual difficulty in securing a panel being experienced: Benjamin B. Bean, Clarence Bean, R. F. Drew, W. J. Lown, J. W. Schaefer, R. L. Cumberland, Lewis Jackson, George B. Sheriff, Linsey Cain, John P. Weicker, John W. Thomas and John H. Russell.

John A. Parker was the first witness called. He said that they were all playing crap, the result being that Warren got "broke."

"Give me my five cents," said he to Wm. Brown.

"Go away; I never did like you anyway," said Brown.

When the shot was fired Brown was advancing on Warren, with his hand in his pocket. Warren drew his pistol and fired.

William A. Lewis saw Warren go away and return with both hands in his pockets. He did not see Brown doing anything.

Charles Cook heard Warren say as he fired: "The s—, I'm tired of being imposed upon."

John Ridgely was also a member of the "crap" party, and was present when the shooting took place, and testified to the same circumstances.

William Ross heard Brown tell Warren that if he did not go away he would hurt him.

Benjamin Franklin, Henry Lee, Edward Barnes and Humphrey Howard told the story of the affair.

Mr. McCloskey opened for the defense. He stated that his claim would be that the shooting was done in self-defense.

He would show that Warren had reason to fear Brown and had retreated as far as he could before he fired.

Officer Heard took the stand, and testified that Warren's general reputation for peace and good order was good, while Brown's was the reverse. Other witnesses testified in the same strain.

Warren then testified. He had won five cents from Brown, which the latter refused to pay. When he asked him for it, Brown drew a knife, and, cursing, then he fired.

THE REICHTAG APPROVES IT.

The East Africa Bill Approved With an Important Amendment.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—The Reichstag, to which the East Africa bill was referred, has approved the measure, but excludes the clause placing the East Africa company under the control of Captain Wissmann.

THE DEADLOCK CONTINUES.

No Choice Yet Made for Senator in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 28.—The fifth ballot for United States Senator to-day resulted as follows:

Goff, 38; Kenna, 18; Goshorn, 3; Hereford, 3; Carr, 1; remainder scattering. Total votes cast, 84.

A Historic Hotel to be Closed.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28.—The historic old Monongahela House, the principal portion of which have stood since 1846, and whose predecessor of the same name was destroyed in the great fire of 1845, is about to be closed to the public for the first time since a time which few present inhabitants of Pittsburgh can remember. It is, perhaps, the only hotel in the western part of the United States, and is yet in many respects the leading hotel of Pittsburgh, but there is a hitch on terms with its present lessee.

A Protest Against Extradition.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28.—Steps have been taken to send a protest from Pittsburgh against the extradition